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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ROGER A. ALLINGTON, ET AL.

Application No. 09/187,472

Filed: November 6, 1998

For: ROASTING SYSTEM

Examiner: D. Becker

Art Unit: 1761

AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111
July 20, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

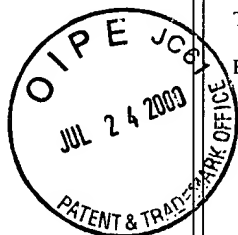
As a precautionary measure, applicants also request an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2000, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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(twice amended) A method of roasting a food product comprising the steps of establishing the degree to which the product must be roasted to attain a desired aroma; generating a measurable first parameter which is indicative that the product has been sufficiently roasted to yield the desired aroma; storing the first parameter; roasting fresh product at a roasting temperature by flowing heated air over the fresh product; filtering substantially all pollutants from the heated air following the roasting step; thereafter reheating



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